AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows (a separate sheet is also attached):

ABSTRACT

Compounds are disclosed with the general formula

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in which the groups are as defined in the description here below and characterized by the presence of polyamine substituents on the imine/oxime residue, such amine groups being in turn protected by suitable protective groups. Said compounds are endowed with potent topoisomerase I inhibiting activity and therefore are useful as medicaments for the treatment of tumours and viral and parasite infections.